

Approval of May 1, 2003 Minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTACHMENT #3.1.1
Thursday, June 5, 2003

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

May 1, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown offices. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Hal Bernson, Los Angeles, President	District 59
Supervisor Charles Smith, Orange County 2 nd Vice President	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County	
Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County	
Councilmember Charles White, Moreno	District 3
Mayor Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Councilmember Gary Ovitt	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Victorville	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Nigel	District 12
Mayor Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Ron Bates, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Keith McCarthy	District 25
Councilmember George Bass, Bell	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach	District 29
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo, Pico Rivera	District 31
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34

Members Present – Cont'd

Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Mayor Toni Young, Port Hueneme	District 45
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Jeff Miller, Corona	District 63
Mayor Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Mayor Bill Davis, Simi Valley	VCTC
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

Members Not Present

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky	County of LA
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	District 8
Mayor Bev Perry, Brea 1 st Vice President	District 22
Councilmember Melanie Andrews, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Nate Holden, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Nick Pacheco, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
John Cox, Director, Planning & Assessment
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy
Jim Sims, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bone), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of April 3, 2003

It was noted that Councilmember Dennis Washburn attended the meeting.

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

- Environmental Science Associate

Contract Amendment

- Aerial Information Systems

Software License Renewal

- Thomas Brothers

3.1.3 Authorization to Execute MOU with OCTA, SCRRA, SANBAG and RCTC for Regional Transportation Model Improvement Program

3.1.4 Authorization to Apply for Funding Assistance through the Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) Peer Review Program

Approval Items - Cont'd

3.1.5 Approval of co-sponsorship of UCLA Arrowhead Symposium

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Conflict of Interest Listing

3.2.2 2003/2004 Legislative Summaries

3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.3.1 Appointments

Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos and Hon Keith McCarthy, Downey, to CEHD
Hon. Llewellyn Miller, Claremont to TCC

The appointments were MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Stanford) and
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.3.2 Reschedule July 3, 2003 Meeting Date to July 31, 2003

Due to the holiday, the July meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday,
July 31, 2003. The Regional Council, Administration & Policy
Committees will not meet in August.

3.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

HDR Contract

Mark Pisano reported that staff has been pursuing the development of options to deal with the Federal Ineligibility (FIN) which disallows costs paid to HDR, the contractor who undertook the study to resolve issues between RCTC and SANBAG regarding the 71/91. The FHWA Administrator has informed SCAG that the next step in the administrative appeal process would be for Caltrans to file an appeal on SCAG/s behalf. Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel and Mr. Pisano will meet with Brian Smith of Caltrans to help prepare Caltrans' appeal. Staff continues to develop options in the event the administrative appeal process in not satisfactorily resolved.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

The 2002 RTIP Amendment #2 was approved by the federal funding agencies on April 15, 2003. The amendment is administrative and does not require a conformity analysis.

Mr. Pisano stated that the SCAG region has been in a Transportation Conformity Lockdown situation since January 1, 2003. The FHA informed all MPOs that the federal agencies would not issue any conformity determination as for RTP based on old emission factor models. Effective April 1, 2003, EPA approved the latest version of the California Emission Factor Model. The new computer model is to be used to calculate pollutant emissions in all new transportation conformity analyses in California to meet Clean Air requirements. The new model, based on new & improved data, will be used for conformity analysis of the 2004 RTP and RTP.

It should be noted that even though the new model has been approved, no conformity analysis can take place until EPA makes its adequacy finding on the new emissions budgets and a new RTP is approved.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Administration Committee Report

4.1.1 Approval of Final FY 2003-2004 Overall Work Program (OWP)

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to waive reading and adopt the resolution approving the Final FY 2003-2004 OWP.

4.1.2 Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with LA County Community and Senior Services Department for Implementation of the Transportation Information Project

It was MOVED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

4.2.1 ACA 7, SCA 2, SCA 7 & AB 427 Transportation Legislation Relating to the Sales and Use Tax and Revenue Funds

ACA 7 authorizes a local or regional transportation agency to impose a sales and use tax exclusively for transportation purposes if the tax is approved by 55% of the voters. Currently the voter threshold is 2/3. The TCC recommended a support position.

It was MOVED (Roberts) and SECONDED (Brown) to support. There were 28 AYES & 4 NOES. The motion PASSED.

SCA 2 lowers the voter threshold from 2/3 to a majority of voters if the tax is imposed exclusively to fund transportation projects and services and smart growth planning. The TCC recommended supporting SCA 2 if amended.

It was MOVED (Roberts) and SECONDED (Brown) to support if amended. There were 29 AYES and 9 NOES. The motion passed to support if amended.

SCA 7 requires the repayment with interest of motor vehicle fuel and vehicle-related revenues or trust funds, when loaned to the General Fund, if loan is not repaid within the same fiscal year or by a date no later than 30 days after the next year's budget bill is passed. The TCC recommended supporting SCA 7.

It was MOVED (Bates), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support.

AB 427 addresses the 2/3 threshold not by lowering it as does ACA 7 or SCA 2 but by eliminating the 20-year limit on the duration of the local transportation sales tax. The TCC recommended supporting AB 427.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support AB 427.

4.3 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**
No Report

4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**
No Report

4.5 **Communications Task Force Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, stated that SCAG's outreach efforts were discussed, and will be presented at the June Retreat. Regional Council members were asked to save the date for Thursday, June 5th and Friday, 6th for the RC Retreat at the Brea Community Center. Details will be available soon.

Among the planned activities at the Retreat is a Media Training Session scheduled for mid-day Friday. This session will include tips on how to interact with both print and electronic media. In addition an opportunity to view oneself on video will be provided. Interested RC members were asked to sign-up as soon as possible.

In addition, it was also reported that a joint SCAG / SANDAG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8 in the City of Temecula.

Board members and staff from both agencies will meet to discuss a range of topics, including Regional Visioning, our Inter-Regional Transportation Work, and Border Issues. Interested members were asked to contact Arnold San Miguel.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Monthly Financial Report

Bert Becker, CFO, stated that the report contains financial data related to SCAG's cash flow, as well as budget and expense data for the nine months for FY 2002-2003.

6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any committee members, or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three minutes. There were no requests for future agenda presented at this time.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

- HDR Appeal
Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California
Government Code Subdivision C §54956.9 (one potential case)

The RC reconvened. Legal counsel was given directions on the HDR matter, including authorization to take steps necessary to protect SCAG's interests.

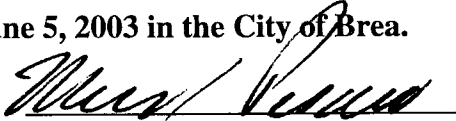
SCAG v. HCD & BT&H
Conference with Legal Counsel - existing litigation to be
heard in closed session in pursuant to California
Government Code Section §54956.9(a). No action was taken.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Mikels thanked the General Assembly staff for the work done regarding the General Assembly. She stated that staff did a Yeoman's job in making it happen at SCAG. The Regional Council concurred.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2003 in the City of Brea.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director